

# KING SEES CLOUD IN UNEMPLOYMENT

### Speech at Proroguing of Parliament Deplores Trouble in Erin.

By the Associated Press.

LONDON, December 23.—The king's speech on the occasion of the opening of parliament at midnight tonight, after reference to the economic situation, friendly relations with foreign powers and the situation in the Near East, declared that the government would, in conjunction with the allied powers, endeavor to reach a solution compatible with the demands of justice.

The situation with regard to Rumania was described as still unsatisfactory, and the king expressed his confidence in the hope that trade with Rumania would soon be resumed and lead to an increase in the production of goods for the suffering people of eastern Europe.

It is of the highest importance, the king said, that the nations of the world and their neighbors should comprehend their political differences and develop their economic relations on the basis of their internal stability and to the benefit of economic progress.

Including All Nations.

The distribution of the mandate

and other work of the assembly. The resolutions were taken at the last session and the assembly have "shown its sense of the responsibility of all nations to its membership by admitting two new enemies."

"We have earnest hope," added the king, "that the spirit of harmony and good will manifested at the assembly of the great majority of the league as the first making for conciliation and peace throughout the world."

The king referred with gratification to the success of the Prince of Wales in his tour of the world. "He was not able to inaugurate new schemes in India. The promise was made that the government would make every effort to reduce expenditures."

Continuing with the subject of Ireland, the king said:

"The state of affairs in Ireland is profoundly, I deplore, a campaign of violence and outrage whereby a small section of my subjects seek to sever Ireland from the United Kingdom. I am sure that my loyal servants of the crown who are endeavoring to restore peace

**Constitutional Methods.**

"It is my most earnest hope that all sections of the people of Ireland will insist upon a return to constitutional methods, which alone can put an end to the terrible events which threaten ruin to that country, and make possible reconciliation and lasting peace."

Then, announcing briefly the passage of the home rule bill, the king continued: "I sincerely hope that

years of ceaseless controversy, and finally bring about unity and friendship between all the peoples of kingdom."

The first condition was that the measure be passed during the course of the parliamentary session. He referred to unemployment as the darkest cloud on the horizon, arising less from internal causes than from contraction of the export trade arising out of the poverty of nations and their inability to obtain credits. The government, he said, was giving unremitting attention to this problem.

It was somewhat unusual when it was expected that parliament would prorogue about 8 o'clock, but there was difficulty in adjusting the differences between the two houses of the agriculture bill, which had be-

tossed about from lords to commons and from commons to lords throughout the evening.

This resulted in delay. The lords insisted on the amendment and the commons suffered four defeats in succession, and in most of these cases the house of commons had performed against these amendments, to prevent the bill from becoming a dead letter.

## EARLIER INAUGURATION PROPOSED BY ASHURST

Amendment Would Have Congress  
as Well as President, Begin  
Duties in January.

A joint resolution proposing amendment to the Constitution which the newly elected Congress shall take office the first Monday in January following its election, and the President and Vice President shall take office the third Monday in January after their election, was introduced in the Senate yesterday by Senator Ashurst of Arizona.

He explained that the resolution was identical with one reported favorably by the Senate committee on the

...to the other country," said Sen. ...  
...addressing the Senate. "We ...  
...as long as a time to elapse between ...  
...an election and the election of a ...  
...State. In a democratic republic ...  
...soon as possible at the will of the people ...  
...as expressed at the polls should be ...  
...carried into effect; present system ...  
...month into force before the new Congress ...  
...and the new President are inaugurated ...  
...the proposed amendment to the ...  
...attitude of the Senate. The ...  
...in November and complete ...  
...the electoral college on their ...  
...their respective states on the second ...  
...Monday in December and there ...

thetected in the previous November session on the first Monday in January that the messengers shall bring the returns from the various states to the President on the first Monday before the first Monday in January and that on the second Monday in January the new Congress, sitting in joint session, shall convene at the Capitol, to elect the President; and that on the third Monday in January the President and Vice President shall be inaugurated.

In most of the states the governor is inaugurated in January; the new legislature meets in January. Moreover, under the present system the re-elected House of Representatives meets in January, and the President-elect, to whom a President. This should

## TUMULTU STATES PLANS

Will Practice Law Here When E. Wilson Leaves Present Position.

Joseph F. Tumulty, Secretary to the President, said today that he would practice law in Washington after March 4, and that he at present has no idea of engaging in any activity other than that of writing his observations during his eight years as Mr. Wilson's assistant.

This statement was made today in response to the rumor that he would become president of the Continental Trust Company to succeed

**OIL LEASES AUTHORIZED.**

Secretary Payne of the Interior Department has authorized leases of known producing wells in the Bonanza Consolidated Oil Company on the protests of the Navy Department and others. The company, after denial of its application for patents last spring, applied for leases under the new oil-leasing act. The question what constitutes a producing well under the terms of the act was le-